

Subpart B—Refuge-Specific Regulations for Hunting and Fishing

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted only from sunrise to sunset.
2. Only nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors are permitted on Gator and Little Gator Lakes.

CAHABA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed hunt permit when hunting.
2. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (90 m) of River Road.
3. We prohibit ATVs, mules, and horses on the refuge.
4. We allow the use of dogs to hunt upland game, but the dogs must be under the immediate control of the handler at all times and not allowed to run free (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. We allow shotguns with #4 shot or smaller, rifles firing .22 caliber rimfire ammunition, or archery equipment.

6. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. Youth hunters must have passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than two youths.

7. We prohibit marking trees and the use of flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices (see § 32.2(i)).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed hunt permit when hunting.

2. We prohibit the use of firearms for hunting deer on the refuge. However, you may archery hunt in the portions of the refuge that are open for deer hunting during the

archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader seasons established by the State.

3. We prohibit damaging trees or hunting from a tree that contains an inserted metal object (see § 27.51 of this chapter). Hunters must remove stands from trees after each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt or harness.

5. We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting or pursuit of big game.

6. Conditions B2, B3, and B7 apply.

7. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. Youth hunters must have passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than one youth.

8. We prohibit participation in organized drives.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the taking of frog or turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

2. Condition B3 applies.

CHOCTAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (90 m) of the fenced-in refuge work center area, hiking trail, and refuge boat ramp.

2. We prohibit marking trees and using flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices.

3. We allow take of incidental species as listed in the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) during any hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts.

4. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

5. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license and permit. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

6. We prohibit overnight mooring or storage of boats.

7. We require hunters to check all harvested game at the conclusion of each day at one of the refuge check out stations.

8. A hunter may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)). We restrict hunting weapons to shotguns with shot size no larger than No. 6 or rifles no larger than .22 standard rimfire or legal archery equipment.

9. We prohibit the use of mules, horses, and ATVs.

10. We allow dogs for upland game hunting except in Middle Swamp. We allow dogs only in Middle Swamp the last 2 weeks of upland game season.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B9 apply.
2. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt or harness.
3. We prohibit damaging trees or hunting from a tree that contains an inserted metal object (see § 32.2(i)). We require hunters to remove all tree stands and blinds daily (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
4. We prohibit participation in organized drives.

5. We prohibit hunting by aid or distribution of any feed, salt, or other mineral at any time (see § 32.2(h)).

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing year-round, except in the waterfowl sanctuary, which we close from December 1 through March 1.
2. With the exception of the refuge boat ramp, we limit access from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before legal sunrise to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after legal sunset.
3. We allow a rod and reel and pole and line. We prohibit all other methods of fishing.
4. We prohibit the taking of frogs and turtles (see § 27.21 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit bow fishing.
6. We prohibit the use of airboats, hovercrafts, and inboard-water-thrust boats such as, but not limited to, personal watercraft, watercycles, and waterbikes.
7. We require a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) for commercial fishing. Commercial anglers may use nets, seines, baskets, and boxes legal for use within the State of Alabama.
8. We prohibit mooring or storing of boats from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after legal sunset to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before legal sunrise.

EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of mourning dove and Eurasian-collared dove, duck, and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells when hunting (see § 32.2(k)).
3. All youth hunters (age 15 and under) must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly licensed hunting adult

age 21 or older. Youth hunters must possess and carry verification of passing a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

4. We allow duck and goose hunting in the Bradley and Kennedy units only by special permit (Waterfowl Lottery Application, FWS Form 3-2355) on/during selected days/times, during the State seasons. We close all other portions of the refuge to waterfowl hunting.

5. All waterfowl hunting opportunities are spaced-blind and assigned by lottery. Hunters wishing to participate in our waterfowl hunt must submit a Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2355). Consult refuge brochure for details.

6. We limit the number of shotshells a hunter may possess to 25.

7. We prohibit damaging trees or other vegetation (see §§ 27.51 and 32.2(i) of this chapter).

8. Hunters must remove all stands/blinds at the end of each day's hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

9. We allow access to the refuge for hunting from 1½; hours before legal sunrise to 1½; hours after legal sunset.

10. We prohibit hunting by aid of or distribution of any feed, salt, other mineral, or electronic device, including game cameras (see § 32.2(h) and § 27.93 of this chapter).

11. We prohibit participation in organized drives.

12. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or other livestock.

13. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt.

14. We prohibit the use of motorized watercraft in all refuge waters not directly connected to Lake Eufaula.

15. We prohibit the use of all air-thrust boats, including aircraft.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A6 through A15 apply.
2. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting on selected areas and days during the State seasons.
3. We prohibit the use of dogs (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).
4. We allow only shotguns.
5. We prohibit the mooring or storing of boats from 1½; hours after legal sunset to 1½; hours before legal sunrise (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6 through A15, and B5 apply.

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2. We allow youth (ages 10 through 15) gun deer hunting in the Bradley Unit only by special permit (information obtained from Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) during selected days/times.

3. All youth gun hunting opportunities are spaced-blind and assigned by lottery. Hunters wishing to participate in our youth gun hunt must submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). Consult the refuge brochure for details.

4. All youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly hunting-licensed adult age 21 or older. Youth hunters must possess and carry verification of passing a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

5. We allow both archery deer and archery feral hog hunting on selected areas and days during the State archery deer season.

6. We close those portions of the refuge between Bustahatchee and Rood Creeks to archery hunting until November 1.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing, including bowfishing, in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A6, A15, and B5 apply.

2. We allow fishing on selected areas and days.

3. We allow shoreline access for fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

4. We prohibit taking frog or turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter) on all refuge lands and waters.

5. We adopt reciprocal license agreements between Alabama and Georgia for fishing in Lake Eufaula. Anglers fishing in waters not directly connected to Lake Eufaula must be properly licensed for the State in which they are fishing.

GRAND BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.43 Mississippi for regulations.

KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of mourning and Eurasian-collared dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit when hunting.

2. We allow hunting on designated areas from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

3. Hunters must park in designated parking areas. We prohibit parking vehicles on refuge roads or in the fields (see §27.31 of this chapter).

4. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. Youth hunters must have

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passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

5. We allow you to use dogs during the hunt, but the dogs must be under the immediate control of the handler at all times and not allowed to roam free (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 through A5 apply.

2. We allow hunting on designated areas from legal sunrise to legal sunset Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, except that you may hunt opossum and raccoon after legal sunset.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

MOUNTAIN LONGLEAF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit while hunting.

2. We prohibit marking trees and the use of flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices (see §27.61 of this chapter).

3. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. Youth hunters must have passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than two youths.

4. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, and ATVs on all refuge hunts.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, groundhog, raccoon, opossum, beaver, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.

2. We only allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We prohibit the use of dogs (see §26.21(b) of this chapter) to hunt or pursue raccoon, opossum, or fox.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bobcat, coyote, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.

2. We prohibit damaging trees or hunting from a tree that contains an inserted metal object (see §32.2(i)). Hunters must remove stands from trees each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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3. We prohibit using dogs (see §26.21(b) of this chapter) to hunt or pursue big game.

4. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid State hunting license. Youth hunters must have passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than one youth.

5. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt or harness.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

SAUTA CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Sauty Creek Wildlife Management Area regulations apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit when hunting.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k) #4 or smaller, .22 caliber rimfire, or legal archery equipment).

3. You must unload and case or dismantle firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) before placing them in a vehicle or boat.

4. We prohibit hunting in the Triana recreation area or within 100 yards (90 m) of any public building, public road, walking trail, or boardwalk.

5. We prohibit mules and horses on all refuge hunts.

6. We allow hunting on designated areas Monday through Saturday. We prohibit hunting on Sunday.

7. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. Youth hunters must have passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

8. We prohibit mooring or storing of boats from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

9. We prohibit marking trees and the use of flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices.

10. We allow the use of dogs to hunt upland game, but the dogs must be under the immediate control of the handler at all times and not allowed to run free (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1, B3, B4, B6, B8, and B9 apply.

2. We prohibit participation in organized drives.

3. We allow bows with broadhead arrows and flintlocks .40 caliber or larger only.

4. We prohibit damaging trees or hunting from a tree that contains an inserted metal object (see §32.2(i)). Hunters must remove stands from trees each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt or harness.

6. We prohibit mules and horses on all refuge hunts.

7. We prohibit hunting by aid or distribution of any feed, salt, or other mineral at any time (see §32.2(h)).

8. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. Youth hunters must have passed a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than one youth.

9. You may only hunt feral hog during the refuge archery and flintlock deer season.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit bank fishing around the shoreline of the refuge headquarters. Consult with the refuge brochure for further information.

2. We open all other refuge waters to fishing year-round unless otherwise posted.

3. We prohibit fishing in the Waterfowl Display Pool and other waters adjacent to the visitor center.

4. We prohibit airboats and hovercraft on all waters within the refuge boundaries.

5. We prohibit inboard waterthrust boats such as, but not limited to, personal watercraft, watercycles, and waterbikes on all waters of the refuge except that portion of the Tennessee River and Flint Creek from its mouth to mile marker 3.

6. We prohibit mooring and storing of boats from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

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